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Notary Public.

Real estate men in Omaha all wear smiles now.

Pat Crowe hasn't been caught in two days now. What's the matter?

Five-dollar hogs and 40-cent corn isn't the sort of stuff to generate populism on. Nebraska farmers are not worrying these days.

Lafe Young's defense of Fitzhugh Lee approval of patriotic Americans.

be lost sight of by Omaha. It was a sey Central, make another great trunk line direct from Omaha to the gulf to line from the eastern to the western ments. A few more years like the last give Nebraska grain the shortest route sea, with the finest vessels of the world to tide water.

of Minnesofa succeeded Governor Lind on land and sea, and can reach the tions in Omaha bakeshops are not only planned and craftily carried out by pering governor.

attention at consolidating lines already road consolidation will be regarded with built. In either case he ignores the own- the greatest interest and meanwhile ers of the roads.

It has been an uphill fight to get recognition for the Omaha Indian supply depot and the battle is not yet won. Omaha needs a congressman in Washington now if ever.

money and time that have vanished.

the radical reformer is not a rose-strewn annexation of all Manchuria.

the inauguration exercises in Washing- China and she seems to be doing this in ton if the members pay their own fare. There are several million more people in the country who can do the same thing.

Quotations on wives, according to an Omaha matrimonial agency, range from \$500 for one rich and handsome down to \$25 for one coming under the mere heading of "wives." If secured in the good old way, any kind of wife is worth more than these figures.

One body to levy all the taxes is the suggestion of a heavy taxpayer. It is difficult to arrange this unless county. city and school governments be consolidated. In the meantime taxpayers must remember there are three bodies having the power to levy taxes.

Andree's last will, just opened, shows clearly the high courage of the man. With a presentment of death he went forward in the adventure that cost his life. Science would have gained had he succeeded; mankind is richer by another example of courageous conduct.

South Dakota popocrats are taking pointers from those of Nebraska and are holding a death grip on all the offices possible. They will neither resign nor be removed if they can help it. The Nebraska pry is in use at present and South Dakota must look out for itself.

Bryan's tearful farewell to leadership. like Napoleon's just before he started to Elba, may reasonably be taken as a forecast of a return. Mr. Bryan has proven himself too thoroughly devoted to his own cause for the public to readily believe that he will voluntarily relinquish anything.

Some of the powers do not take kindly to the proposal of the United States regarding the settlement of the indemnity feature of the Chinese muddle. The same objection has been made to every proposal made by the United States and in the end they have been accepted restrictions are placed upon commerce legislative body, and in order to remain as the best solution of the difficulty. The present case may be no exception. serve the principle of the open door, still quent elections. The argument that it not with an ax, then with a tax.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

saying: "No one at all acquainted with trous to American trade there. what is transpiring can doubt that comdepartment of industry." Confirmation will not surrender. of this is being furnished in what is taking place in railroad circles and what is reported to be projected or in con-

templation. The recent purchase of the New Jersey Central road by J. Plerpont Morgan is believed to be the first move in a com- sixty men chosen to direct the affairs prehensive scheme of combination. It places the Jersey Central, the Lehigh Valley, the Reading and the Baltimore & Ohio practically under the same direction so far as their policy relates to the alliance between the Ontario & Western and the Delaware & Hudson. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western is also regarded by some as game for the basket of Morgan and his associates. The completed and projected consolidations are believed by some to aim at nothing less than joint control of all lenting competition they have been comthe railroads of the country. It is pointed out that not only does the Mor- done it that other jobbers, seeing their gan following already control the avenues approaching New York, but commands practically every means of access to Boston, Buffalo, Philadelphia and most southern points. Nor is the movement confined to the east. The recent absorption of the St. Paul, says an eastern paper, is taken as only a preliminary advance upon the far west, the middle west being already pretty well occupied by Mr. Morgan and his associates, who are said to now control all the overland bighways of commerce to Chicago and St. Louis, with two ex-

products that has never been apbeen conceived a decade ago. The ranks of the victors, competing Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads, each reaching the Pacific from Duluth, and which places a construction on the remarks of have been in active and costly competithe gallant soldier that must meet the tion for some years, have some directly under one management in this new One of Phil Armour's ideas should not & Ohio and the Reading and the Jerto bear their products westward from Tacoma to China and eastward from Omaha's contribution to the inaugural New York to Southampton. This great ceremonies when Governor Van Sant line will be perfect in equipment, anke was the 91-year-old father of the incom- markets of the world at the minimum of cost. It is the most stupendous combination that has ever been made in in-When the busy railroad editor is not dustrial and financial circles." Further constructing new lines he engages his developments in the movements for rail-

ceptions.

the public will be earnestly discussed. RUSSIAN MOVES IN CHINA

the question whether such combina-

tions will be a benefit or an injury to

A Pekin dispatch says that the for-It is to be hoped the stock certificates sihed over the Chinese grant to Russia to discover how quickly they will drop of the LaGloria colony are "handsome of a concession north of the Pei Ho, at enough to frame," as the investors are Tien Tsin, as large as the British and entitled to some satisfaction for the French concessions combined. It is stated that the Russians explain that the grant was made voluntarily, for fact that Nebraska is not the only state Mrs. Nation's friends are now making services in endeavoring to bring about in the union that has laws providing people will not come to the shop and buy. a desperate effort to secure her release peace and it is added that the ministers inadequate punishment for the crime. So, when we cannot find a fence, or the wall from the Wichita jail. It is becoming think the concession constitutes good After the legislatures now in session ad- of a factory, or apartment house, or a apparent even to her that the way of pay when considered in addition to the journ there will be a collection which

ing the most of her opportunity for in-The Iowa National guard can go to creasing her territorial possessions in protect a railway concession, threatened by a hostile movement on the part of the Chinese. Her right to protect the concession could not fairly be questioned, but it was the understanding that she would not go farther than was necessary to put an end to the hostile movement, she having declared that there was no purpose to take territory. Having done so, however, it is nowhere expected that she will now relinquish the so-called protectorate in Manchuria, whatever representations the other powers may make regarding her action. The tone of the Russian press clearly shows that the government regards the seizure of territory in Manchuria as an accomplished fact which it will insist shall be so regarded by all the powers. And it is highly probable that it will be recognized as a permanent occupation. The later concession of territory to Russia, if voluntarily made by China for whatever reason, cannot, it would seem, be fairly

> she has acquired she will undoubtedly retain, regardless of the views or of the interests of any other power. Perhaps no nation has a greater concern in the course of Russia in Manchuria than the United States. The principal port of that province is Niu-Chwang, where over one-tenth of the total foreign trade of China is handled. About one-half of all the foreign goods received at that port, according to reports of the imperial maritime customs, are of American origin, the other half by the Americans is something more than being divided chiefly between Great Britain and Japan. The development of American trade with Manchuria has been rapid during the last few years and there is most favorable promise of a still meet with much favor. The house of repremore rapid growth in the future if no sentatives is designed to be the popular

objected to by any of the powers. It

should arouse them to greater vigilance

as to the designs of Russia, but what

state Commerce commission noted the and to adopt a policy as to Manchuria tendency toward railroad consolidation, that would be damaging if not disas-

Doubtless our government, as well as binations have been formed and are those of other largely interesced nations. certain to be formed among railroads is fully alive to the siena on and will which will be more extensive, more per- omit no effort to conserve American inmanent and more far-reaching in their terests, but Russia has, gained an imultimate results than those of any other portant advantage that she undoubtedly

OMAHA'S JOBBING INTERESTS.

The election of a new directory for the wholesale trade. Representatives of by bloody revolution. three new jobbing firms are among the of the club. These firms have come to Omaha solely for the reason that this city offers the most favorable conditions for the carrying on of their trade. One is in dry goods, one millinery and one new customers to Omaha from territory already tributary to the city and will aid very materially in pushing the commercial conquest of new territory. It is no mean tribute to the lobbing firms well established here that they have not only been enabled to maintain their stand against the vigorous and unrepelled to meet, but that they have so advantage, have decided to come here to share with them in the work.

To the new jobbers The Bee can only commend the course of the older firms. Unity of purpose in the furtherance of the common interests of all must of a certainty redound to the individual wellbeing of the wholesalers. Now that they are well set in the ranks, they will doubtless keep step in the march of trade conquest the Gate City has never relinquished in the west.

Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet in its hopeless fight off the Referring to the combination effected coast of Cuba, and who went where he by Mr. Morgan, the Philadelphia Times was ordered knowing it was to defeat, half of 1 per cent upon the capital tied up says it goes far beyond the absolute is reported to be dying in his Spanish control of the production, transporta- home. His career shows him to have tion and sale of anthracite coal. "It been a kindly, and brave man, whose means a departure in reaching the mar- judgment was far better than those who kets of the world with our industrial were his official superiors. In his case is another reminder that not all the proached, indeed that could not have world's heroes are to be found in the

As the records for the past year are compiled it is apparent that Nebraska has again been indulging in the habit of paying off its mortgage indebtedness at a lively rate. Eastern capitalists are movement and they, with the Baltimore no longer bewailing the fact they hold mortgages on Nebraska lands, but are introduced grading the crime in three three will put the state in the best financial condition of any in the union.

> of value to the people in general, but of real benefit to those bakers who do give heed to the laws of decency. Clean condition should not be compelled to compete with the baker who does not.

If Bryan really intends to relinquish the leadership of the democratic party for the crime. there will be a large contingent of its membership which will shed no tears. There are others who have sprung into prominence by reason of their personal eign ministers are considerably aston- relations to him who will be surprised into oblivion.

The Cudahy case has served one purpose. It has called attention to the will have a tendency to discourage the It is very evident that Russia is mak- industry.

President Hill of the Great Northern railroad says that he is not making any a way not to justify any objection or such gigantic combinations as those atprotest on the part of other powers. In tributed to him, but that his only object the practical annexation of the south- is the decrease of the "friction" be- the prosperity of chewing gum, of oatmeal. ern province of Manchuria Russia al. tween the roads. When it is all over of \$1.75 shoes, of border dramas, of liver leged that her action was necessary to the shipper is likely to pay the expense of the lubrication.

> Nikola Tesla announces that he has discovered evidences that the inhabitants of Mars are telegraphing to him. If Nikola could only answer the message and inform them of some of the wonderful things he thinks he has discovered it would be a wonderful surprise to them.

The chairman of the house rivers and harbors committee expresses the opinion him tricks that he never dreamed of in his Ohio home.

Who Will Provide the Party? If Mr. Cleveland only had the party he

could make use of his excellent principles. Pictures to Burn.

The detectives should decide on one of the various pictures of Pat Crowe before mak ing another attempt to arrest him.

Perhaps He Feared the Fork Indianapolis Journal There is no reason why Mr. Bryan should his speech at Omaha. A man who has

anything in that line. Toying with the Real Thing.

Cleveland Leader The Filipinos are enjoying the novel experience of holding open political meetings in Manila, and they are beginning to discover that the liberty guaranteed to them

an empty promise. Lengthening Term in Congress.

The proposition to lengthen the congressional term to four years is not likely to there. While Russia is pledged to ob-

there is danger that she may doem it takes two years for a congressman to Tearn AN APPRECIATION OF ST. HICKORY In its last annual report the Inter- expedient to scoper or later abandon it the ropes" and that he must go out of office just as he is beginning to be useful to his onstituents, does not usually apply to a competent congressman, who is pretty sure of a re-election

Working an Air Pump.

is a poor business for any citizen of the is deservedly famous. United States. That the governor of a too careless about whom they place in fashion: Omaha Commercial club again draws high office. Evils and inequalities and sorattention to the expansion of the city's rows there are, but they will not be mended est and, who, though self-seeking, loves

Good Example to Follow.

New York Tribune. "They do some things better in France." The proverb is musty, but there is nothing awake at night and dreams or else grinds stale, flat or unprofitable about the decision his teeth and swears. Herein the republiof the French government to lessen the can has much the better of it. The republinumber of disfiguring advertisements on can assumes that two and two are four anthracite coal trade. Other probabili- hats and caps. These houses will draw ting a proper tax on signboards, whether democrat stops to discuss the problem, genthey are displayed upon public or private erally discovering, until it is too late, that property. The Gallic example should be two and two are five. The republican looks followed promptly in the United States. No more hideous placards can be seen anywhere than many of those in this country.

> Occidental Humor in the Orient. Detroit Free Press.

The British officers in Pekin who gave theatrical performance during the holiday week in the Temple of Heaven, the sanctuary in which the emperor of China goes once a year to worship, deny the reports that any cause for offense could be found in the entertainment. Nobody was butchered in the way of a playful prank, but the performance seems to have been somewhat offensive to the heathen, who, in their blindness, object to the use of a temple for vaudeville purposes. That is their misfortune, however, and it is gratifying to know that their silly prejudices were not allowed to take the keen edge off the pleas ures of the European andience.

Money in Government Bonds. New York Mall and Express.

Soon the bonded debt of the government will be only about \$1,000,000,000, and substantially one-half of that will be held by national banks as security for their notes, as there will be some profit in the issue of these so secured, even with a tax of onein the bonds. The other half will command such a premium in the market that the yield from money invested in them will not be over 2 per cent. They are likely to be absorbed mainly by the surplus funds of institutions which have absolute security as the main consideration. The day

Adequate Penalties for Kidnaping. Indianapolis News. Nebraska is thoroughly aroused over the outrageous Cudahy kidnaping case, and very justly so. The legislature in session finds on investigation that the present Nebraska statute as to kidnaping is lame and of doubtful utility. So a new bill has been looking for places to make such invest- classes. For simple kidnaping the penalty is from three to five years in the penitentiary; for kidnaping and extorting money, a life term; for kidnaping and threatening injury to the victim, capital punishment. This is one of the few crimes that is done Efforts of the city health department in cold blood. In its very meture it is to secure cleanliness and sanitary condi-something that must be deliberately sistence over great difficulties. There is, therefore, no palliation for it, such as may exist for crimes that are committed in the heat of blood and under stress bread is essential to good health and tion. It is a crime, moreover, that menaces the baker who keeps his shop in proper every home in the land, that throws a shadow on the liberty of children and introduces a bitter anxiety that well may ruin life. Indiana has not had this ca lamity to deal with thus far, but the legislature should provide adequate penalty

OUT-OF-DOOR ADVERTISING.

The Plague of Signs and the Remedy for the Evil. PERSONAL NOTES. Brooklyn Eagle population still takes its way.

We are much perplexed by out-of-door advertisements. They occupy so much of the space on our fences, houses, churches, telegraph poles, barns, rocks and mountains that we are concerned to know where we can put the next. That some place must be provided is not to be questioned. If we do not tell people what we have to sell, chimney, or the shade trees of a street, or the poles of the fire telegraph, or when the water in the gutters is so high that it washes our posters from the curbstones we hire men and plaster them with statements as to our perfections and send them into the highways to instruct the populace. Yet there is a growing and dangerous body of people that cannot be reconciled to these proofs of business activity. They menace pills and other agents in civilization. It the advertising is to be stopped, what will become of the men who make the gum, the caught in falling.
dramas and the pills? Well, then, how A recruiting office is it possible to lessen the advertising? But this body of grumblers alleges that the advertising would come to just as much and, indeed, would make more of an impression if it were put on paper in black and white and delivered under the eye of the people who want to look at it. They say that nothing is more effectively made invisible than by unwise repetition; that the time comes when the tired eye refuses to receive an impression, as the ear that hears the constant hum of a factory, on the rattle of the streets, ceases to hear them after that the Missouri river does not need a while. The people who cross the bridge any attention from the government. If every day used to see, painted on the sides the chairman will come out here when of houses and on boards and on chimnies the river is doing business it will show what seemed to many of them a most distressing lot of appeals for the favor of the public; but, seeing them every day, the season arrived when they ceased to see them at all, just as they ceased to see policemen and vice as soon as Tammany purified New York. But whether seen or not these complainers declare that private

advertising, and as to plastering natural scenery, it is a crime against nature. England suffers more sorely from red and yellow spasms and shricks than we do, if feel: not have eulogized "Pitchfork" Tillman in artistic than those of other nations, yet they when my mind gets numbed to the con are advertisements, and therefore vex the tents of the piece. eulogized Richard Croker need not balk at souls of certain people who contemplate As a result, the few who continue to employ require good work, and the number of things thirty wealthy men ruined on the turf. that yex the hearts of reformers will di-Prance is suggested to the body of grum- completed arrangements for the trip. Coyopen air art, of the kind that is so freely tions. It is known to contain a greater provided to the whole country hereabout, number of mountain lions than any other It can be removed by law, and can also be to be quite plentiful. The finest sport posremoved with paint and an ax. And if sible will be afforded, as Coyote basin is

Watterson's Sermon on De-

mocracy's Natat Day. Editor Henry Watterson signalized General Jackson's day with a three-column sermon in the Courier-Journal on parties Pingree of Michigan in one of the men rubbing into the democracy of the present who sow seeds of infinite evil while trying the biting liniment of good advice. All to produce a crop of good. Predicting a this is done in the breezy, eloquent and arbloody revolution within twenty-five years | tistic style for which the star-eyed goddess | functions are distinct. The congress con-

In the middle of his sermon Editor Watstate can so far substitute raving for rea- terson paused long enough to contrast "his son illustrates the truth that voters are friends the enemy" with democrats in this "The republican, who is indifferent, hon-

> his country, says to himself: "The country is all right and, whilst the good things of can?" The democrat, with the weight of his and goes on with his mathematics. The not in the bottom of his glass. The democrat will have sugar or he won't drink at all. Be sure that Father Tom, he of the memorable encounter with the pope, who lost his whisky punch whilst waiting for the water to boll so he might get it hot, was a democrat. If he had been a republican he would have taken it cold and got away before waking up!"

> Then, turning to his own jarring house hold, he fired right and left, as follows: "We do not despair of the future of the democratic party. On the contrary as we have faith in the republic have we faith in democracy, whose essential principle is not dead but, now as ever, lives and embodies the greatest good to the greatest number. In some way not yet clearly defined this principle will take on a concrete form and come to the front. Along with it, the man, the Jefferson, the Jackson, the Tilden of the time, supported by adequate resources. In the meantime let the masses of democracy, whilst looking for the Moses that is to come, drop jack-o'-lantern politics and give a wide berth to purely speculative doctrinaires appealing to their prejudices and their emo

"In politics hysteria is a poor guide. The Americans are a practical, not a theoretical people. Jefferson, albeit ar idealist, did not quibble about the Lon isiana purchase. It represented a national opportunity and emergency and he addressed himself to the facts. Jackson, a real leader, did not quibble, as Buchanau, man of straw, in a supreme exigency whilst, by his adherence to the law and his refusal to precipitate an insurrectionof private investment in United States albeit urged upon him by the botheads of bonds for income has apparently gone by. his party—Tilden showed himself both a patriot and a captain, saving both his party and the state. It may be that the outlook for democracy is at this moment not very bright. Neither was the outlook America that January morning upon the plains of Chalmette eighty-six years ago. As Old Hickory knew what to do with the cotton bags, let us know what to do with such defenses as we have; and, so, above the roar of the huzzas of the republicans, may we hear the distant drum-beats-mayhap the guns-of the old Jacksonian hunting shirts, marching to give successful battle to the red-coats of Prerogative and Power to vindicate the divinity of Popular Sovereignty.

"Never mind the impudent twaddle of played-out politicians about 'reorganization.' Never mind the self-admiring complaisance of would-be leaders and sham reformers. These are the merest froth, the ng for nothing. The leaders who are to regenerate democracy have yet to come upon the scene, and before they are arrived the old, obsolete set-to whom we owe our bankism! Down with Pharisaism! And, with a hip-hooray from the boys in the trenches, up with the standards of Jefferson and Lincoln, Old Hickory's battleflag flying at the fore!"

Westward the star which marks the center Mrs. Nation of Kansas, who is under ar rest for smashing saloon mirrors in a temperance crusade, says that if her example

followed the elevation of her sex will be accomplished. The Oregon Historical society proposes hat a commemorative celebration of the We have had about that many soldiers centenary of the Lewis and Clarke exithere for many months past-sometimes pedition to the Pacific coast shall be held more-and yet we are at this moment

at Portland in 1905. Andrew Carnegie recently answered an desired by saying "Youth, health and the hance to make another fortune. If I were oung and strong, however, I could easily

make the fortune. Senator Platt of New York dropped his glasses in the senate the other day. He was looking helplessly on the floor for them, when up stepped a page and, like a youthful Herrmann, extracted them from the senator's beard, in which they had

A recruiting officer who has been in Iowa says that the percentage of men accepted in that state on offering themselves for army service is considerably above the average in any other state. Enlistments in lowa are largely from the farms and the vast majority of young fellows who offer

themselves are young, strong and hardy. The sultan has sent a costly present to Emperor William, consisting of two cavalry and two infantry sabers and four Oriental riding whips. The scabbards of the sabers and the handles of the whips are of pure gold, richly chased and adorned with brilliants and other precious stones, being antiques from the Turkish crown

treasury. Henry S. Eastman, last survivor of the rews who served in Commodore Perry's famous expedition in Japan, died last week in San Francisco, aged 66. He was a native of New Bedford, Mass. Eastman served through all the stirring scenes of 1853, when Perry, with his ten war ships, opened Japanese ports to the commerce of the civhouses and public monuments are not for ilized world,

William Gillette puts tersely into words what members of his profession must often "On the stage we make printing advertising involves suffering, as alleged, presses of ourselves every night and always and several influential persons in that coun- turn out the same edition, letter, comma try have leaned to the rescue with oratory and color. And I grow tired of my own and documents. But France is doing better work. It interests me while I am writing than England. Its advertisements are more it and shaping it, but there comes a time

Mr. Justin McSweeney, formerly one of them. France, therefore, proposes to turn the most prominent owners on the Austhe advertising to account by taxing it, traitan turf and a well known Sydney Hereafter the people who would improve on citizen and man of business, has been mak nature must pay for doing it, and they who ing some revelations of a sensational charwould conceal fences and house fronts be- acter regarding horse racing at the Anti neath posters and paintings must also pay. podes. He confesses that he has lost £30, 000 in horse racing and that with his own the painter, in preference to the printer, will limited experience he has seen about

Captain J. B. Goff, a scout and hunter minish. One does not pay large money with- who will have charge of Governor Rooseout expecting good results. The example of velt's hunting expedition in the west, has blers in this country. If they do not like ote basin will be the scene of the opera the best thing they can do is not to have it. section in the west and bear also are said not much frequented by hunters.

CIBA'S CONSTITUTION.

Progress of the Work of Drafting the Editorial Observations on the Danger Organic Law.

Philadelphia Times. The draft of a constitution for the republic of Cuba, as presented for the con- pect the appearance of grip at this season and politics, incidentally canonizing three sideration of the convention, follows the that it is no surprise to learn that it is political caints of the past century and general lines of the American system and here. appears, from the telegraphic abstract, to | Fortunately, however, its type is quite be simple and conservative in character, mild and the acute attacks of the disease The legislative, executive and judicial are of short duration. sists of a senate, of four senators from symptoms, aching of the limbs, marked laseach department elected by the municipal situde, a slight rise of temperature. councils for a term of six years, and a far the upper air passages are mainly aichamber of representatives, one for every fected. The patient, as a rule, is not con-30,000 inhabitants, elected biennially by fined to his room for more than two or popular vote. The members of either house three days, but when he gets up and arounmust be Cubans.

The president is elected for a term of six years and is not eligible for immediate life are going, why shouldn't I get what I re-election. He must be a Cuban by birth nomena have lasted for eight or ten days or naturalization, and in the latter case country and his conscience upon him, lies must have served Cuba in ten years of war. This provision, of course, is to leave Gomez eligible. The powers of the president are generally parallel with those of tients are apt to be troubled for a considthe president of the United States. The constitution defines also the powers and duties of the departmental assemblies and governors, and of the municipal councils and mayors as well. The departments correspond in a general

way, as regards the subjects of administration, to the states of the union, but the necessity of providing the forms of local government under a fundamental law makes this constitutional scheme appear rather elaborate. Its many details it is not possible for outsiders to criticise. The party differences in Cuba have more to do with details than with general principles, and there are provisions relating to citizenship and suffrage, qualifications for office, the obligation of debts, etc., that cannot be accurately appreciated here, but are likely to be real points of contention at Havana.

The gratifying feature of the whole busi ness is that the Cubana seem to be working out their own plan of government without interference from the United States, and in conformity with the natural development of their local institutions under American example and influence. There thus appears no reason why the convention may not perfect a constitution that will be entirely Cuban and at the same time preserve that accord with American ideas that is essental to mutual understanding and intercourse.

A HEART-TO-HEART TALK.

banks of Sound Advice to Demo eratic Obstructionists. Washington Post.

We note with regret the almost solid iemocratic opposition to an increase of the regular army. It is difficult to explain this antagonism upon any hypothesis involving the patriotism of the opponents. We quite agree with our democratic friends in objecting to a large standing army; to vast nilitary establishments of any kind, indeed, excepting in the matter of coast defense But what is "a large standing army, speaking with reference to the United States of today? Surely 25,000 men thirty five years ago constituted a more formidable force than 100,000 would be at this moment. We cannot understand the present attitude of the democracy, especially in view of the fact that that attitude puts them in the position of making a party question of what should be and is a national question. We do not seem to recognize in them those democrats who, in the early months of 1898, vied with their republican colleagues as enthusiastic and fervent supporters of the administration

In what respect, we should like to know are our military needs less now than they were in April, 1898? Is it not true that veriest fustian, meaning little and count- they are much greater? Then we were entering upon war without a thought of ter ritorial acquisition or future responsibility Then the democrats in congress arose as one man and stood shoulder to shoulder indoing-will have passed away. For the with their party opponents. How do they present it is enough to say close ranks and reconcile their course on that occasion with forward march! Down with Mounte- their inexplicable course today? The war against Spain was a maudlin outburst. The situation confronting us at the threshold o the twentieth century is fraught with ac tual peril. How is it that the democrats who contributed with such burning ardor to the cause are now, with practical unanimity, regudiating their obligations as regards the consequence? They did more than the republicans to bring about the war which has plunged us into this abominable dilemma. Is it quite honest and manly on their part to abandon the country in this hour of its need? The simple truth of the matter is that

our immediate necessities in the Philippines call for an army of occupation 75,000 strong farther from a suppression of the so-called insurrection than we were a year ago. Even interviewer's question as to what he most with 75,000 troops permanently assigned to duty in our new-we might say prospective -possessions, we shall barely be able to hold our present footing, such as it is. Events have shown that General Otis was never at any time within a thousand miles of any true understanding of the situation is Luzon. No one able to read the newspapers and the Congressional Record can possibly be persuaded to give respectful audience to the foolish twitter af the Philippine commission sitting solemnly at Manila and as solemnly uttering official nonsense, which, thus far, has served only to excite the pity of the judicious and to befool unwary rustles We are face to face with the facts. Why not recognize them with candor and deal with them honestly and bravely! The United States is virtually at war in the Philippines. The government must be furnished with an army-not less than 75,000 strong, though we think 100,000 would be

nearer the mark. Why do the democrats

who did so much to get the country into

this abomesable mess now refuse to help

PREVAILING TYPE OF GRIP

of "Catching Cold."

New York Herald. We are becoming so accustomed to ex-

It commences, as usual, with catarrbal is apt to be annoyed for a week or more

with a troublesome and dry cough. In exceptional cases the febrile phe continuously and have in some respects resembled the symptoms of commencing typhoid.

For the most part the convelencent paerable period with weakness, general want of physical tone and altogether are very much out of sorts. It is then that complications are apt to show themselves after indiscretions in diet or exposure to inclemencies of the weather. Now is the time to be careful of "a cold." The latter is very apt during the winter months to invite pneumonia, but especially so while influenza

Paradoxical as it may appear, the light attacks of grip are oftentimes more dangerous than the severe ones, as in the former instances the patients are most aut to be careless of themselves during the weak physical conditions that follow.

CHEERY CHAPP.

Philadelphia Press: "Old Grabb says he always remembers the poor," remarked Mrs. Goodart. "Yes," replied Mr. Goodart, "but he can't remember more than one thing at once. When he remembers the poor he forgets his pocketbook, and vice versa."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "That ridiculous young Dr. Desem insisted every time be came that Brother Jim's temperature was normal. What school does he belong to?"
"I should say he belonged to the normal school."

Chleago Tribune: "Editor Daily Bread." wrote "Indignant Citizen." "that editorial in your paper this morning on "Corruption in Ward Politics." has cost you the subscription of myself and fifteen other men who have been taking your vile sheet for years. Hereafter we shall borrow it of the neighbors."

Detroit Free Press: Father-My daughter sir, that you have been making love to her. Clubberly-I don't know why she should single me out among so many.

"Indianapolis Press: "I think I was the most innocent creature that ever broke into the business," said the soubrette, "I was actually so guileless at first that I would tell people the exact amount of the salary was getting."

Chicago Record: "The new spring shirt waists are in the shop windows already." "Yes, and you'll see that will work the weather man up to sending us a dickens of a spell of cold weather." Somerville Journal: It is very pleasant to sit alone in the twilight, but it is a good deal pleasanter to sit alone in the twilight with somebody clse.

Philadelphia Press: Towne—Of course he's an illiterate fellow, but he's excessively proud. He boasts that he was "born and bred in old Kentucky." Brown-Good thing he wasn't born in Georgia. He couldn't have been bread there; he'd have been a cracker.

DIARY OF A BOARDER.

Monday.

Roast beef tonight for dinner!

I ate to beat the Dutch.

A freat like that's unusual;

We don't get many such.

Tuesday.
The aftermath we've garnered
Of yesterday's delight.
From that fine roast they gave us
Some nice cold cuts tenight.

Wednesday.
That lucious roast of Monday
Is lingering with us yet;
'Twas served to us this evening
Disgulsed as beef croquette.

Thursday.
It seems Miss Skimp's investment
In roast was not so rash
As we supposed. This evening
'Twas served again—as hash.

Today we all were grateful
To get a little fish.
No beef, we hope, remaining
To form another dish.

Ab, me! Tonight we greeted Once more our dear old friend— The beef bones boiled for "potage!" Well, this must be the end.

Gee whizz! This beats the record! Last Thursday's hash—Oh. my! With crust and raisins added. Is served as mincemeat pic.

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